Infant Marriage.

(19)

Police

File no 56 — 99

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Judicial Sec I C Branch.

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SUBJECT.

to sanction the prosecution of parties
concerned in the infant marriage which took
place at Byappanahalli village, Siddaghatta Taluk
on the 25th June 1899.

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Note

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The Inspector General of Police in mysore submitting with his letter No 2615/219 dated 12/15th January 1900, the proceedings relating to an infant marriage which took place at Kyatanhalli of the Sidlagatta Taluk on the 25th June 1899.

This marriage is stated to have taken place at Kodandarama swami's temple in the village called Someswara. Please see Ven: Statements.

Police's sanction to the prosecution of the marginally noted persons who brought about the marriage question

*1 Patel Dasanna, father of the bridegroom.
2 Peddapapanna, father of the bride.
3 Purohit Subbabhatta.

The Ven: proceedings of the case show that the Police Inspector of the Sidlagatta Taluk

We examined the
following witnesses
the prosecution -

Lachanidi, Patel
of Byappanhalli

Varadinga Das son of
Shanbogue Ramanna
of Byappanhalli

Adeppa, resident of
the above village.

Venkatramana
a resident of Gundu
halli, Lidlagatta Pk

Thimma (washer
man) a resident
of Devaganahalli,
Lidlagatta Pk.

Nanja, (Barber)
resident of Thim-
-minhanahalli

Chinnamma,
mother of the bridegroom
Muddenga in the
case.

Dasappa, father
of the bridegroom.

Peddaspaiga, father
of the bride named
Kempi in the case.

10. Subbabhatta, Purohit in the case.

11. Muniga of Bijapur
Spunhalli.

All the above
but the second, state
that the marriage
between the girl named Kempi
and the boy named
Muddaya did take
place at Kodandaramaswami
temple in the
named Somesvara
Lovelli village, but as
regards the age of
the girl at the time
of marriage, they
make the following
statements:—

The 1st witness

says that the girl
in question, was
born on 10-6-92, that-
he has reported the
above fact in the Re-
gisters of Births, and
Deaths, and that the
age each witness cal-
culating from the
above date comes
up to 7 years and 3
months;

Further he speaks
the case of two con-
temporaries namely
and Venkataraya, and
says that the former
was born in the month
of July 192 and that
the latter in Septr

The 2nd witness
states that he is
the particulars in the
Register of Birth

and deaths produced
in the case and that
the Patel Bachanddi
signed the same, that
in the late census
account written by
his father who was
an enumerator at the
time, the omission
of the name of this
girl shows that she
was not born at that
time;

The 3rd witness
says that he can-
not indicate until
the exact age of
the girl, but adds
probably that it may
be 8 or 9 years;

The 4th witness
says that he does
not

not know the age
either of the girl or
boy.

The 5th, 6th & 10th witnesses
do not say anything
about the age nor
were they questioned
as to the same.

The 7th & 8th state
that they were informed
by the parents of the
girl that she was
10 years old.

The 9th states that
the age of the girl
may be 10 years, that
teeth generally fall
at the 7th or 8th year
and that 5 months
ago, this occurred in the

case of the girl named
Kempe; that he has not noted the
date of birth of any witness
the 11th witness and the
last witness alluding
to two contemporaries
of Kempe whose
marriage is now
in question says
that she is older by
1 or 2 months when
compared with them.
It may be noted
that the age of these
two is not given in
his statement.

From the above,
it will be seen that
the oral evidence
seemed in the case
is not enough to
prove that the girl
was underaged

At the time of her mar-
riage. Next taking
the documents duly
considered in the
several Acts of which
the prosecution
should be heard; it
may be observed
that the following
distinctions exist
between the crime
and Counterfeiting
[illegible]

Original

year 1892

Name of the father ~~Peddapapiga~~ Papiga.

Remark in the body In this month ~~except~~ one birth there are no deaths.

this is inserted at the top of the line + the ink with which it is written appears to be more black than the line itself

Counterfoil.

year 1890

Name of the father } Peddapapiga

Remark in the body: } In this month there are no births and deaths.

Again at the top of this entries are made as to the particulars of a birth.

Lastly, the census account which is only a rough book submitted with the proceedings bears neither the signature of any responsible officer nor the seal of any office As such, its accuracy is doubtful.

Under the circumstances, it is doubtful whether a prosecution can stand against the parties recommended by the I. Gl.

Submitted for orders.

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7. - was evidence regarding the age of the girl is not sufficiently strong and satisfactory while the documentary evidence is suspicious - It does not seem desirable

to sanction a prosecution on the strength of such evidence. The D.G.L. may be informed accordingly, & further that he might again move the Govt in the matter if further and more reliable evidence could be obtained.

Dublin Castle
2/2/10.

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But for the difference in the entries in the two printed forms and for the interpolation in one of the words "50 as" (Roseff) I should have been disposed to accept the date of birth as given in the Reg. The accused under is unable. Upon such doubtful grounds it is undesirable to sanction a prosecution. There have

been great delay in
meeting the engineers
& hope the matter
with return of post —
I am sure can prompt
action is necessary. The
Head Office will be
asked to hurry this
on the Colonial Office.

GPT

2/21/1900

Keep a copy of this

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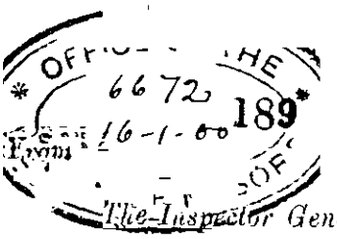

From The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
General and Revenue Depts. (1)

SECTION Police

FILE No. 56-99

SER'AL No. 3

Dated

Despatched 15th January 1900

Received

General No. 2615

No. 219

Enclosure No. 1 file.

Forwarding a file of ~~memorandum~~ records & requesting that the persons concerned may be given up to prosecution.

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OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 2615 / 29 Dated 12 January 1900 / 15

Enc. 1 file

FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith for favor of perusal and obliging returns a memo and a file of vernacular records from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, reporting the occurrence of a case of Infant marriage at Byaffanahalli village, Basethahalli Hobli, Siddlaghatta Taluk, on the 25 June 899.

From the records it will be seen that the parties are Vakkaligars by caste, that one Beddapapanna gave his daughter Kempi aged 7 years 215 days, in marriage to one Muddiya aged 11 years, 8 months and 28 days, the son of Potel Dasanna of Gundlahalli, one Purohit Subba Bhatt officiating as priest.

The parents of the bride and bridegroom admit having known about the marriage and the reason given out is that the parents of the bridegroom being old, were very anxious to see the celebration of their son's marriage.

Under these circumstances, I request you to move the Government to sanction the prosecution of the marginally noted persons under section 3 of Act X of 1894. As represented by the Amildar of Sidlaghatta Taluk, the prosecution of the mothers of the bride and the bridegroom is not necessary as they are ignorant women under the influence of their husbands.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Arlanger anney
Inspector General of Police in Kapo

X/Bokil Basanna, father of the bridegroom
2 Siddalingamma, father of the bride
3 Surathi Subba Bhatta.

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Read,

Letter no 2615/219 dated the 12th January 1900, from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, submitting proceedings relating to an infant marriage which took place at Somiswara near Byappanhalli in the Hidlaghatta Taluk on the 25th June 1899, and requesting sanction to the prosecution of the marginally noted persons who brought about the marriage in question.

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×/Patel Basanna, father of the bridegroom.

Peddapapanna, father of the bride.

Purohit Subbabhatta.

Enclosure

Order thereon. No: 9230/J843 dt 12-2-1900.

It is observed that the oral evidence regarding

regarding the age of the girl is not sufficiently strong and satisfactory, while in the documentary evidence is suspicious. As such, the Govt. deem it is undesirable to sanction the prosecution recommended by the I. General of Police.

2. It is further observed by Govt that there has been a great delay in making proper enquiries and bringing the matter to the notice of Govt. In such cases prompt action is necessary and the I.G.P. will be requested to impress

this on all Police
Officers.

8/7/00.

Secy:

To. The D. Gl. of Police
returning the proceedings
received with the letter
read above.

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